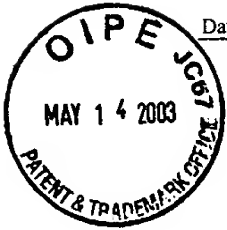


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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Qi Han

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated
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The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☒ A petition for an extension of time to respond to the final rejection is filed herewith for a period of three (3) months.
2. ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411.
3. ☒ Fee \$320.00 Other than a Small Entity

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